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Hank was born to Lester Hammond and Julia (Holstein) Hammond in Springfield, Missouri. At 11 months old, his mother and four sisters made their way across the country to Washington state, to reunite with his father, who had hopped a freight train to find work. He grew up in Everett and Silver Lake before eventually moving to Wenatchee, WA. Hank started working construction jobs until he married the love of his life, Billie Jean Gills, in 1959. Shortly thereafter, the couple moved to the Los Angeles area where they started their family, first with Carolyn (Cari) Mae and then Reginald (Reggie) Allen. Hank and Billie made lifelong friends in the LA area, where he worked as a milkman for Top O' The Morn' Dairy. In 1968, they decided to move back to Washington to raise their children in East Wenatchee. Hank worked for S & H Cattle Ranch before starting at Coca Cola, where he had a long career as Sales Manager. Always looking for a new challenge, he then started Hank Hammond Bulldozing and was overjoyed when his son moved back to Wenatchee to work with him. His next chapter began when they bought the cherry orchard, which he managed with pride, always bringing boxes of ripe Rainiers to friends and family. Hank and Billie enjoyed spending the winter months in Arizona - first in the Yuma area and then to Phoenix, eventually moving there full-time. As was the case everywhere they went, Hank made many close and lasting friendships. As Hank's health declined, they moved

back to Wenatchee for the past four years to be near family and friends.

Hank, known to many as "Papa", could be recognized by his hearty laugh, big hat, and huge smile, and was consistently exuding positivity and a can-do attitude. He loved coffee-drinking with his buddies, doting on his family, baseball, and telling stories. He was also a life-long car collector and admirer. He never met a stranger and made a lasting impression on everyone he met, as a deeply kind and forever happy man who lived life to the fullest.

Hank is survived by his wife and best friend, Billie, married 61 years; daughter Cari Cordell (Scott), and grandchildren Lauren, Max, and Megan; son Reggie Hammond (Gina) and granddaughter Brittiny; sisters Nora Novak, Mary Olsen, and Peggy Schnell; and many nieces, nephews, and friends he cherished like family. Preceded in death by his parents Lester and Julia, sister Imogene Wright, brother David Gail Hammond, and many close friends. Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, is in charge of arrangements. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee. Please visit www.chapelofthevalleyncw.com for online condolences.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hank "Papa" & Lauren after her bridal shower.*

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“ *Billie & Hank enjoying Mexican food at the Rehearsal Dinner.*

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